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Matador woman celebrates 101st Birthday!



Mrs. Iris Blevins of Matador was honored for her 101st birthday with a party at the Church of Christ fellowship hall Saturday, June 17. Mrs. Blevins was born June 19, 1905 in Comanche County, Texas. She has been a resident of Matador since 1951 and lives in the same house with her two sons, Ray and Lewis. Mrs. Blevins said she feels very fortunate to live in Motley County and thanks everyone for their love and care. "Everyone is so nice and thoughtful, she said. "I feel very blessed."

Council members have lengthy agenda at recent city meeting

Matador City Council met June 8 with Council members Pat Seigler, Charles Ream and Terry Simpson present. Council members Bert Darsey and Lara Davey were absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Pat Smith, City Water Superintendent Steve Barton, and City Secretary Debra Scott. The public attending were TxDOT Representatives Ben Kautz and Bart Sherrill and Municipal Judge Cora Smallwood.

Mayor Pat Smith called the meeting to order and asked Pat Seigler to give the invocation. There was no participation in Open Forum.

Steve Barton, Water Superintendent, stated the wells are in good shape and pumping 350,000 gallons of water per day; the wells capacity are 1,175,000 gallons. If 75% of the wells capacity is reached, the Drought Contingency Plan will go into effect, water prices are doubled, water use on yards will be limited and other conservation methods will be observed. Steve reported that 250 feet on the sewer lines is all that they lack for the Nursing Home and that the Track Loader and mower are both working well.

In the Secretary's report, Debra noted that she and Wendi (Taylor) had attended a school for MHA recently in Lubbock.

Foy Pricer with TML had visited

and predicted insurance costs for employee medical will remain the same for the upcoming year and that there might be a credit refund issued.

Ben Kautz and Bart Sherrill with TxDOT discussed the options for the stop signs at the Bank intersection. TxDOT researched and found that no accidents had been reported at this intersection in the last three years and their studies suggested placing the stop signs east and west because of the amount of traffic. TxDOT was open to suggestions from the Council. The Council felt like changing the location of the signs might present a greater hazard because of the age of the driving population and not having stop signs north and south might increase the speed in front of the grocery store and library. Council suggested leaving the location of the signs north and south but increase their size and encourage law enforcement to monitor the intersection more closely. TxDOT suggested they check into the feasibility of changing the angle of the parking allowed on the south side of Dundee and asked the Mayor to submit in writing their recommendations for the intersection to TxDOT.

Council reviewed the sealed bids submitted for the purchase of the tractor. The bid was

awarded to Jeromy Jameson with a high bid of \$3,026.85. If declined the second bid submitted by Robert Copeland will be accepted. The motion to accept the bid was approved.

Next on the agenda was the services of the Municipal Judge. The city paid \$3,600, for a year, for a Municipal Judge and had not used her services. Mrs. Smallwood graciously suggested that we cut her salary to \$100 per month and pay the additional \$200 on a contingency basis only if the city required her services for that month. A motion was made to make these changes and to pay for all schooling required. Council approved.

Council reviewed and discussed the bills. Mr. Simpson suggested the city check into leasing a copier. He said the state leases a machine and the company services the machine and replaces it when needed. Mayor Smith recommended checking into the cost of leasing a copier. Council approved paying all bills, with the exception of Matador Branch First National Bank, Letter of Credit to be discussed at a later time.

The Council discussed possible clean-up dates and sites. Mr. Barton said he would like to complete work with the Nursing Home and mowing before starting clean-up. He would like

to start with completing the projects started last year and begin with the house next to the Joe Guerrero residence, because permission has already been obtained to tear it down. Ms. Scott said she had talked with Dorothy Lester and is trying to get permission to tear down the Deaton houses. Shane

Jones has been working on acquiring this consent. A motion was made to table setting dates for clean-up until this Fall when it is cooler and the city employees have had a chance to get caught up. Council approved.

Personnel Reviews were scheduled for December. Mr. Barton and Ms. Scott will evaluate their employees, the Mayor will review and evaluate the Water Superintendent and Secretary and the reviews will then be presented to Council. Council approved.

Mr. Barton asked that council put a lot up for bid that is behind his house. He would like to purchase the lot and tear down the old house, which seems to draw skunks to the neighborhood. A motion was made to put Lot 7, Block 85, up for bids. This will be published and bids will be accepted and reviewed at the next council meeting.

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Summer fun ...

These two boys were having some Summer fun while fishing for minnows at the Roaring Springs Ranch pond recently.

The boy on the left got away before being identified. The youngster on the right is 6-year-old Judson Jones of Lubbock. Kids flock to the Springs and other swimming and fishing holes during the warm, lazy days of Summer.

Matador to be featured on A-Z Sports

Matador will be the featured "M" town on the A-Z Sports Tour Sunday and Monday nights, June 25-26.

Channel 11 sports reporter, Pete Christy, will be in Motley County Friday, gathering stories to be included on the broadcast. He is scheduled to be at the Motley County Library at 1:30 p.m.

Attention former Tribune employees

Attention former Tribune employees. If you have ever worked at this newspaper, the Matador Tribune or Motley County Tribune, or possibly before that, let me know.

Mail your story and include your photo (if desired) to the Motley County Tribune, P.O. Box 490, Matador, TX 79244, or email to motleytribune@yahoo.com.

Former Tribune employees will be highlighted, as information is obtained, for a special Summer Tribune feature.

With your information please include the dates of your employment, an explanation of your life at that time (i.e. high school student, etc.), your job duties, a funny or memorable event while you were employed, and where your life has gone since then. If you have a photo of yourself while employed at the Tribune or a snapshot during that time, please include it.

If you know of a former employee, who may not have a subscription to know about this request, please give them this information.

Watch for this special feature in future editions.



Texas mediator now warming the bench

Bill Smith sworn in as 110th Judicial District Judge

Last week, Mediator Bill Smith removed his intermediary's hat and donned a robe as he was sworn in as the 110th District Judge for the State of Texas. The Honorable William P. Smith had been mediating for the current USDA State Certified Mediation Program, through Texas Rural Mediation Services (TRMS), since its beginning in March of 2000

when then-Governor George W. Bush appointed the Lubbock based group as the State's sole provider of services. (TRMS is a division of Lubbock County's Dispute Resolution Department).

The 110th Judicial District includes Briscoe, Dickens, Floyd and Motley Counties and Judge Smith intends to encourage the use of ADR in the Dis-

trict whenever possible. "Encourage it? No. I plan to require it," states Smith. "A lot of cases can settle, but the parties have led their attorneys to believe they are too far apart. They won't ask for mediation, but when there is an order from the Court, and folks have to give it a try, they realize there really is room to work. Mediation saves millions of dollars in litigation costs, not to mention the time it saves..."

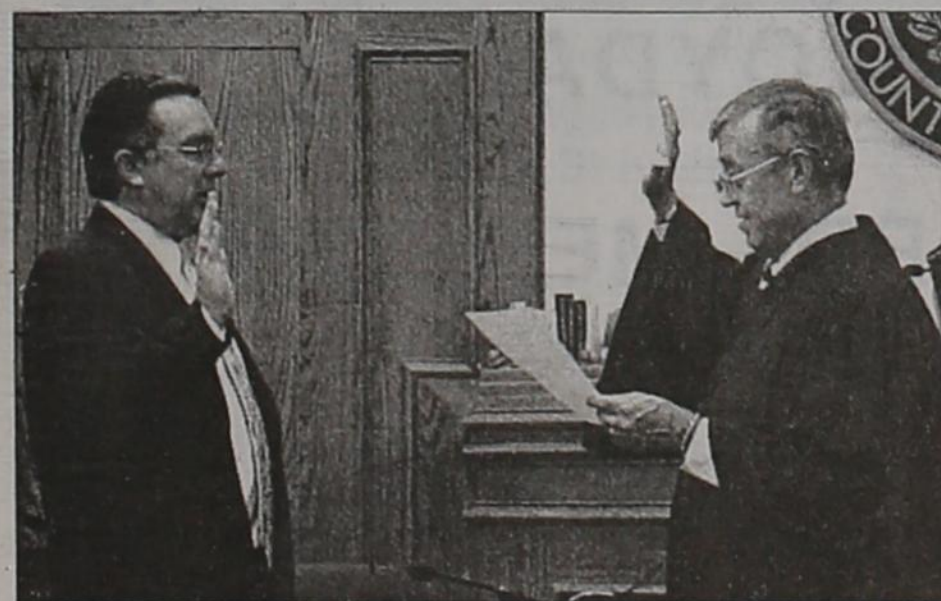
Judge Smith values the experience he gained as a mediator for the Texas Program. "Mediation has given me tools and skills necessary to be an effective Judge," Judge Smith recalls a mediation referred by a rural law enforcement about two neighbors with a long-standing conflict. "A determination was made that mediation might allow the parties to resolve the issues that continued to cause friction. The settlement agreement included options for avoiding future conflict situations, but the most memorable part was that it included an apology." Judge Smith went further to say, "That case had no

business going before a Judge - mediation was perfect for these guys."

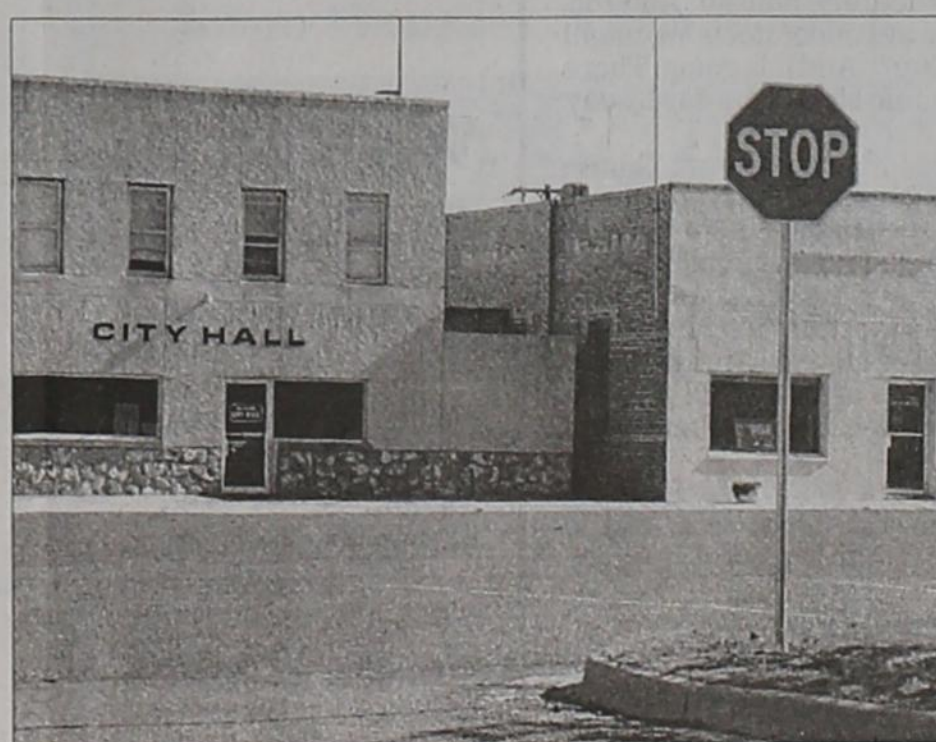
D. Gene Valentini, Director of the Dispute Resolution Department of Lubbock County,

appreciates Smith's involvement in the Program and was

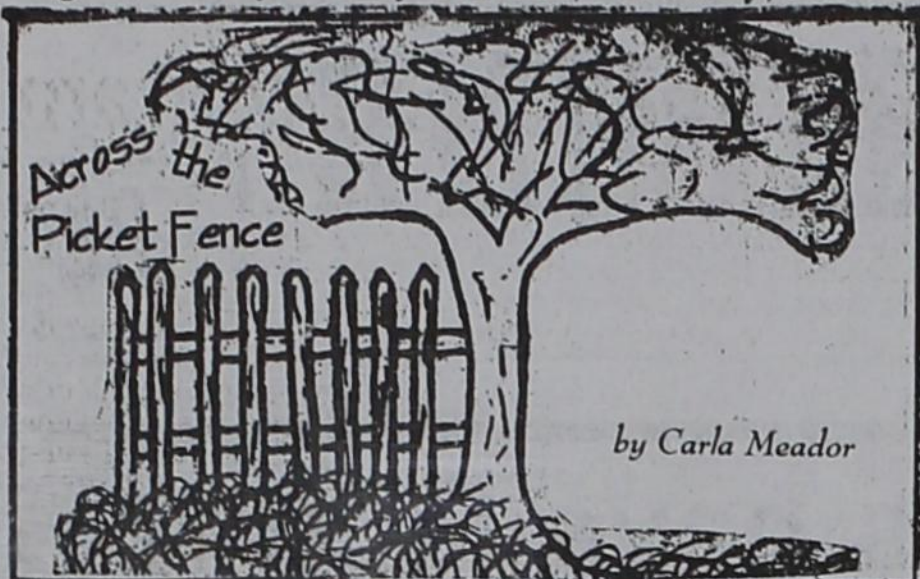
present at his swearing-in ceremony. "Of course we are proud of him - he's one of ours!"



Bill Smith (left) is sworn in as the 110th District Judge by Justice Mackey Hancock (right), 7th Appellate District of Texas.



NEW STOP SIGN — TxDOT recently erected this new STOP sign at the intersection on the east side of the Courthouse, for south bound drivers.



Today (Wednesday) is the first official day of Summer. The thermostats in Motley County have been reading Summer temperatures since April. I hope that's not an indication of what's to come for the remainder of the Summer. The heat drains my energy.

We talked with our nephew in Houston the other day. He said they were supposed to have more rain that day, and that areas were flooded. I just wanted to hop on a fast plane to Houston and stand in the pouring rain. I can just imagine how refreshing that would feel, although I'm sure Houston resi-

dents wouldn't agree at this point. Seems like the weather is never spread out like we need it.

In case you're reading this and haven't read the front page, and you or someone you know has worked at the Tribune at one time or another, please let me know. I would like to do a feature on former Tribune employees and where their lives have gone.

My space is very limited this week, and I'm sure I've already used it all up. Have a great week, try to stay cool, and don't forget to pray for RAIN!

Summertime pastels featured at Do Gooders' meeting

Beautiful summertime pastels were featured in the decorations at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday afternoon, June 6 at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Alma Shorter and Mrs. Kathy Shorter, hostesses presided at a green service. The table was laid with a pastel multicolored cloth. The centerpiece was a large galvanized bucket with the exterior painted with colorful flowers holding a breath taking beauty of pink dianthus flower arrangement with ivy. A flowered ceramic pot of lacy fern was on the divider bar. They served a tray of fresh vegetables and crackers with dips, cookies and Summertime iced tea.

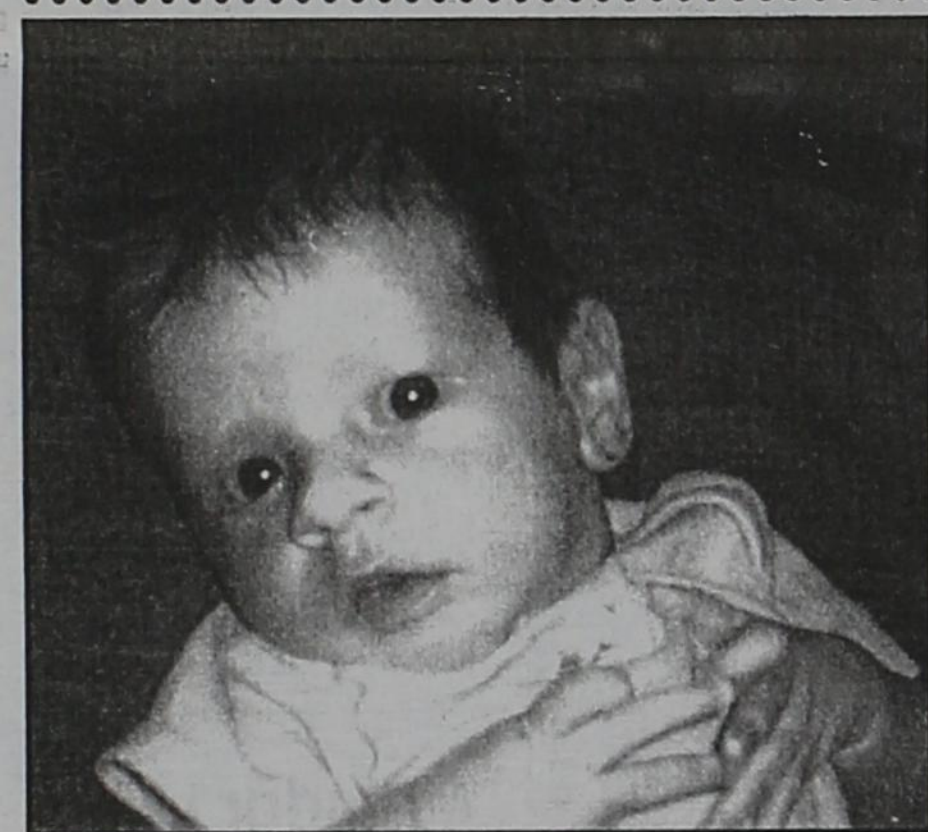
Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert conducted a busy agenda. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes

that were approved. They voted to buy 2 more tables for a total of 10 tables and 16 more chairs for a total of 76 chairs for the Center. They plan to paint the interior of the Center and are pleased they have volunteers who offered to clean the carpet free of charge. They have not gotten an estimate of the cost for a new bathroom and kitchen floor, so had to put this on hold.

In other business, they reported to have 80 blocks for the Bazaar quilt completed. Next month's club meeting is pending since it will fall on July 4th.

Those attending were Messdames Geneva Martin, Judy Stark, Leona Degan, Nada Starkey, Connie Franks, Mary Jo Calvert, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington, Alma Shorter, Barbara Payne and B. Rogers.

Look Who's New



Olivia Grace Fowler

Blair and Courtney Fowler of Midland announce the arrival of their daughter, Olivia Grace. Olivia was born May 27, 2006, at 10:17 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Olivia has one brother, Brock Douglas.

Olivia's grandparents are Mike and Sara Fowler of Mid-

land and Vaden and Carrol Hays of Matador. Great grandparents are Bob and Kay Fowler of Jal, N.M. and Muriel and Howard Williams of Midland. She is also the great granddaughter of the late Delmont and Maye Hays of Northfield and the late Melvin and Dru Nell Clancy of Shamrock, Texas.

Life ... A Splendid Word!



David Starr Jordon, an educator and writer, had this to say about life: "Be life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for." Mr. Jordon seems to have summed it up rather well. Some have said, "in a material world we easily forget that life is lived from within, not from without."

It is so easy to take life for granted. Yet Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 12 that life is compared to a silver thread and is so very fragile. Life is sometimes abused. And too, the spiritual aspect of life is not always understood. We might ask ourselves, "How is my life going?" And it is going. There is absolutely no doubt about that. Life slips away day by day.

In our lifetime we have choices to make. Do we choose the spiritual or material? On which do we place the most emphasis? In helping us answer these questions we read the words of Jesus in John 10:10: "...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Our Lord helps us to understand that the life we have in Him is spiritual and not based on the material things of this world. All of the pleasure and riches of this world pales in significance when compared to the spiritual life that comes through Jesus.

May God help us to live for Him while we are learning to put the spiritual above the material. Life is good. Especially so, when lived in Jesus.

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Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott
Librarian



We appreciate the donation to the library by Mary Jane Brashear in memory of Jerry Green. Donations such as this make lasting memorials to special people and are greatly appreciated.

New books in the library include the newest in the Agent Pendergast series by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. This novel is called *Book of the Dead*. The library also has Miriah Stewart's newest novel, *Final Truth*. Also new in the library is Linda Lael Miller's *Man from Stone Creek*.

We had a full house at the Wednesday session of the Summer Reading Program for Kids in grades 1-3. Twenty-six children heard a story by Pam Thacker, enjoyed refreshments by Deanie Edwards, Opal Johnson and Patricia Green and learned that you can paint trees by blowing through a straw. This last project was the craft lesson taught by Betty Henry. Ruby McGurie and her granddaughter Alexia Moore helped check in and out books. We thank all these people for their help.

Even though Wednesday, June 28 is the last meeting of the reading program, the Reading Bingo continues through July. Kids can read for prizes as they fill their bingo cards.

Library presents Children's entertainer

The last session of the Motley County Library's Summer Reading Program for Kids will feature children's entertainer, Harlin Rhoads from Midland. Mr. Rhoads will present his new program, "Reading is for Champions," which has been developed specifically for public libraries.

Reading is for Champions encourages children to read by enticing them to take a marvelous, adventurous journey with Mr. Rhoads who will throw in some magic tricks along the way. Children of all ages are invited to come along with Mr. Rhoads on this journey in reading.

There is no charge for this adventure and the Friends of the Library will serve refreshments. All children are invited even if they have not participated in the Summer Reading Program at the Library. Even though Wednesday, June 28, is the last session of the program, The Reading Bingo continues through July and children may continue to read for prizes.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



No report on Tuesday Scramble, June 13.

LADIES PLAYDAY

June 15
18 hole players were Liv Barton, Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, Judy Cartwright and Jean Hoover. No ball given.

9 hole players were Marihelen Wason, Mary Jones, Pat Warren, Nell Berryman, Tommye Keith and Glenna Ross. Glenna won the ball.

Ladies, DON'T FORGET the 2 LADY SCRAMBLE, June 24, Saturday. Please join us.

WANTED: Old Settlers Queen Contestants

Queen contestants are wanted for the annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo to be held in August. All girls, ages 10-18 are eligible to enter.

The girls will sell tickets for a pair of Jim Bo Humphreys handmade spurs. The girl selling the most tickets will be crowned the 2006 Rodeo Queen.

Contact Mike Jones in Roaring Springs at 348-7232 or Wayne Smith in Dickens at 623-5326, after 6:00 p.m., for more information.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Leibe-Harkort

Marie-Louise is taking a much deserved vacation to Germany, so I and other Chamber members will be trying to fill the void while she is away.

Today, I would like to invite everyone in the county to come join us in the Motley County Chamber of Commerce. The membership drive is starting soon and many of you will be receiving a letter with an application to renew your membership to join for the first time. If you do not receive a letter in the mail, please stop by the Chamber office or New to You and we will see that you get one. We need you!!! It seems the same people come to every meeting and we would like to see some new faces with new ideas. You are also welcome to e-mail us or stop by New to You to give us any feedback about what we are doing or tell us what you think we should be doing.

We meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Motley County Library at 5:30. We would really welcome your presence and or ideas.

Don't forget Motley County Bucks make great gifts for any occasion. They can be purchased at the Matador Branch of the First National Bank, New to You or Matador Variety.

Our yearly banquet should be around October this year. More info. will be coming soon.

Cassie Campbell named to Spring Dean's List

Cassie Campbell, an animal science major at Angelo State University in San Angelo, was named to the Dean's List for the 2006 Spring Semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Cassie's GPA was 4.0.

Cassie is the daughter of Douglas and Janie Campbell of Matador.



Jesse and Beth Turner

Couple celebrates 50th wedding anniversary

Jesse and Beth Turner celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Thursday, May 25, 2006. They were married in Pampa, Texas in 1956. They lived in North Carolina and South Dakota for a brief time before making Texas their permanent residence. Beth has been a homemaker and Jesse retired from WTU. They have two children and their spouses - Teresa and John Culbertson, San Angelo, and Stephen and Melissa Turner, Vincennes, Indiana. They have three granddaughters, Alisha, Alana and Alydia of San Angelo, and one grandson, Carl of Vincennes, Indiana.

A small family celebration is planned later this month. Please, no gifts, but the family would like to surprise them with a basket of cards to open at this time from family and friends. If you would like to help with our surprise, please send your card to: Teresa Culbertson, 8195 N. Grape Creek Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76901.

Red Rovers enjoy scenic drive on recent outing

by Joan Patton

Six Red Rovers from Matador took the scenic drive to Caprock Canyon State Park, Friday, June 16. Included in the park are 15,313 acres of vibrant red earth vistas and many overlooks.

The park is also the home of

the Texas State Bison herd.

The Sportsman Restaurant in Quitaque was open for lunch so the group had a wonderful meal.

Norma Marrs, Joyce Campbell, Marihelen Wason, Dorothy Day, Mary Jones and Joan Patton made the trip.

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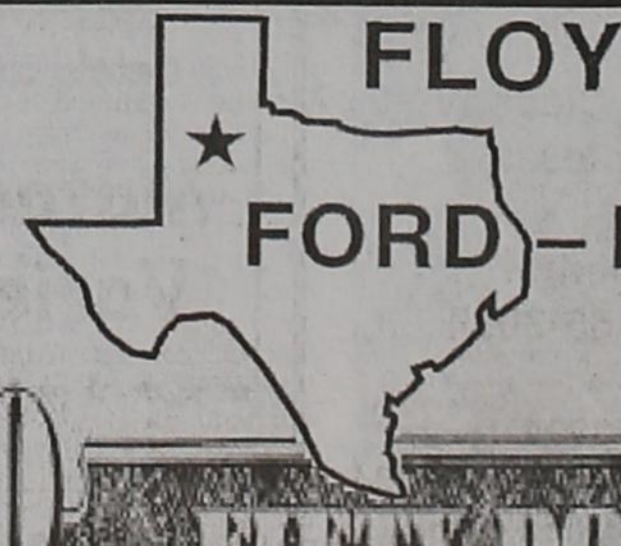
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Matador City Council

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The next item on the agenda was the Letter of Credit required by Texas Commission of Environmental Control. TCEQ requires that we furnish them with a Letter of Credit to cover the cost of closing the landfill. This is merely an agreement with a lending institution that should the money be needed, the lending institution would make the City a loan for that amount. The last estimate by TCEQ for closing the landfill was \$188,604. Previous estimates were around \$217,000 but Steve Barton worked with TCEQ to get this lowered.

The possibility of purchasing a more expensive chemical for mosquito spraying was discussed. Mr. Barton reported that to spray this particular chemical a TDA license is needed for Structural Pesticides. Chuck Ream has this license but can only apply chemical for whom he is licensed and the only entity he is licensed for is the School. He will check into his license capabilities. No action was taken at this time.

The next item on the agenda was a back-flow prevention valve. Council would like to draw up a resolution requiring a back-flow prevention valve to be installed on all new sewer lines, with facilities in the basement, when the service line is the same level as the main sewer line. This would be for both the protection of the city and the homeowner to prevent flooding from sewer back-flow. The homeowner would be responsible for the cost of installation or would be asked to sign a waiver releasing the city from liability if damage occurs. This would apply to houses being purchased with these facilities, the city would ask that this valve be installed or the city released from liability when the new homeowner request water and sewer accounts. Council approved having a resolution drawn up.

A motion was made to appoint Nancy Marshall to the Market Matador board by Chuck Ream. Council approved.

A motion was made to appoint Charles Ream to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Council approved with Charles Ream abstaining from voting.

A motion was made to appoint D'anna Russell to the 4B Tax Board. Council approved.

A motion was made to appoint Alvin Alexander to the Water District Board. Council approved.

Currently the City's Letter of Credit is with the Matador Branch of the First National Bank of Seymour. Mayor Smith told the council he had visited with Roy Hobbs about the cost of this letter. Since 2002 the city will have paid over \$10,549 for a letter of credit that has never been used. The bank charges the City 1% per year on this Letter of Credit. Mayor Smith asked Mr. Hobbs to check into the bank lowering the amount since the city had more than \$150,000 on deposit at the bank. The bank is paying 2.67% inter-

est on \$95,000 of the City's CD's and 3.25% on the \$5,000 CD and paying this 1% on the Letter of Credit cuts interest on the CD down to 1.5%. Mayor Smith feels that the average of \$2,000 per year for this letter is too much and 1/2 a percent would be a more realistic amount considering the amount of the City's deposits with the Bank. The City has lost more than \$15,000, with interest, of the tax payer's money for this one cost alone. Mr. Hobbs said he would check on getting a lower rate; he later reported to Ms. Scott that the Bank would not be lowering the rate.

The City is looking into other possibilities for providing this letter to TCEQ including Surety Bonds, a statement of good standing from the city's auditor, which could be issued at no cost to the City, or neighboring banks which are offering a 4.35% interest on the City's CD's, interest on the checking account and no charge for the Letter of Credit.

A motion was made to pay the Bank through July and research the City's Financial Stability eligibility. Council approved and the item will be put on next month's agenda.

A discussion was held about resolutions to be passed for the SPAG Sidewalk Grant. A motion was made to pass the Citizen Participation Plan and approved by Council. A motion was made to adopt the Citizen Complaint Procedures and approved. A motion was made to permit the Mayor to sign all applicable documents concerning the Sidewalk Grant, and approved. A motion was made to pass a Resolution declaring the Downtown Area of the City of Matador as a Slum/Blight Area, and approved. Council discussed the requirement for the City to provide \$15,000 cash if approved for the Sidewalk Grant. This amount would be spread out over a period of two years and could be included in the budget. Council decided that would be money well spent to provide \$15,000 to get \$130,000 worth of work done. Council passed a resolution to approve an Application for Funding. Council will check with SPAG about the location of the ADA ramps on the new sidewalk plans.

Mayor Smith asked Council and Employees to write down their priorities or goals they would like to see the City accomplish within the next 3-5 years. Immediate goals are to review Resolutions already passed, obtaining some from the City Attorney. Council is concerned about the number of stray dogs and the need for some homeowners to clean up their lots. All agreed that continuing the City Clean-up, pursuing all grant opportunities to obtain additional housing, pave streets, or extend sewer lines are future goals for the City.

Council reviewed the financial status of all accounts and the budget standings for the year.

Large group of Motley County youngsters participate in Summer Greenbelt Golf program

by Tina Brooks

If you have been to Springs Ranch Golf Course this summer you may have noticed a change in the golfers. Golf is no longer just a gentleman's sport. Motley County Greenbelt Golf is in full swing with 44 children signing up to play golf this summer for Motley County.

Greenbelt Golf is made up of children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. These young golfers travel to area towns to compete.

MC Fourth Graders learn about electrical safety

Lubbock, Texas -- Motley County fourth graders attended an electrical safety demonstration, sponsored by South Plains Electric Cooperative (SPEC), last month in Spur to promote May as electrical safety month. Other fourth graders from Spur, Patton Springs, Crosbyton, Guthrie, Jayton, Post and Aspermont schools also traveled to the Dickens Division office for a four-part program and lunch. SPEC made similar presentations in Childress and Lubbock reaching over 900 students with their electrical safety messages.

As the local Touchstone Energy Cooperative, SPEC believes in commitment to community and the safety of local residents.

South Plains Electric Cooperative serves about 45,000 connected meters in 18 counties. When you see Touchstone Energy, you know this is a locally owned, community-minded, electric cooperative providing high standards of service for customers large and small.

CapRock Telephone awards scholarships to two MC Seniors

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. established a Scholastic Achievement award in order to play a role in the continuing educational efforts of area youths.

Since the inception of the scholarship award program, Cap Rock has provided \$64,000 for area students to continue their education. This year Cap Rock awarded eight - \$1,000 scholarships to young men and

The season started June 6 with 125 children coming to Roaring Springs to compete in the first tournament of the year. The golfers are separated into groups competing with their gender and age group. Medals and points are awarded for first through third place with one point being awarded for fourth. At the end of the season points are tallied and first through third place trophies are awarded for the top golfers of each division.

These young golfers and their parents put in a lot of time and energy traveling to Paducah, Wellington, Childress, Quanah, Shamrock and Memphis.

The youngest golfers (K-3rd) tee off at 8:00 a.m. from 150

yards out and walk 4 holes. Parents are not allowed to coach or caddy for the golfers. Golfers must carry their own clubs and make their decisions on how best to play.

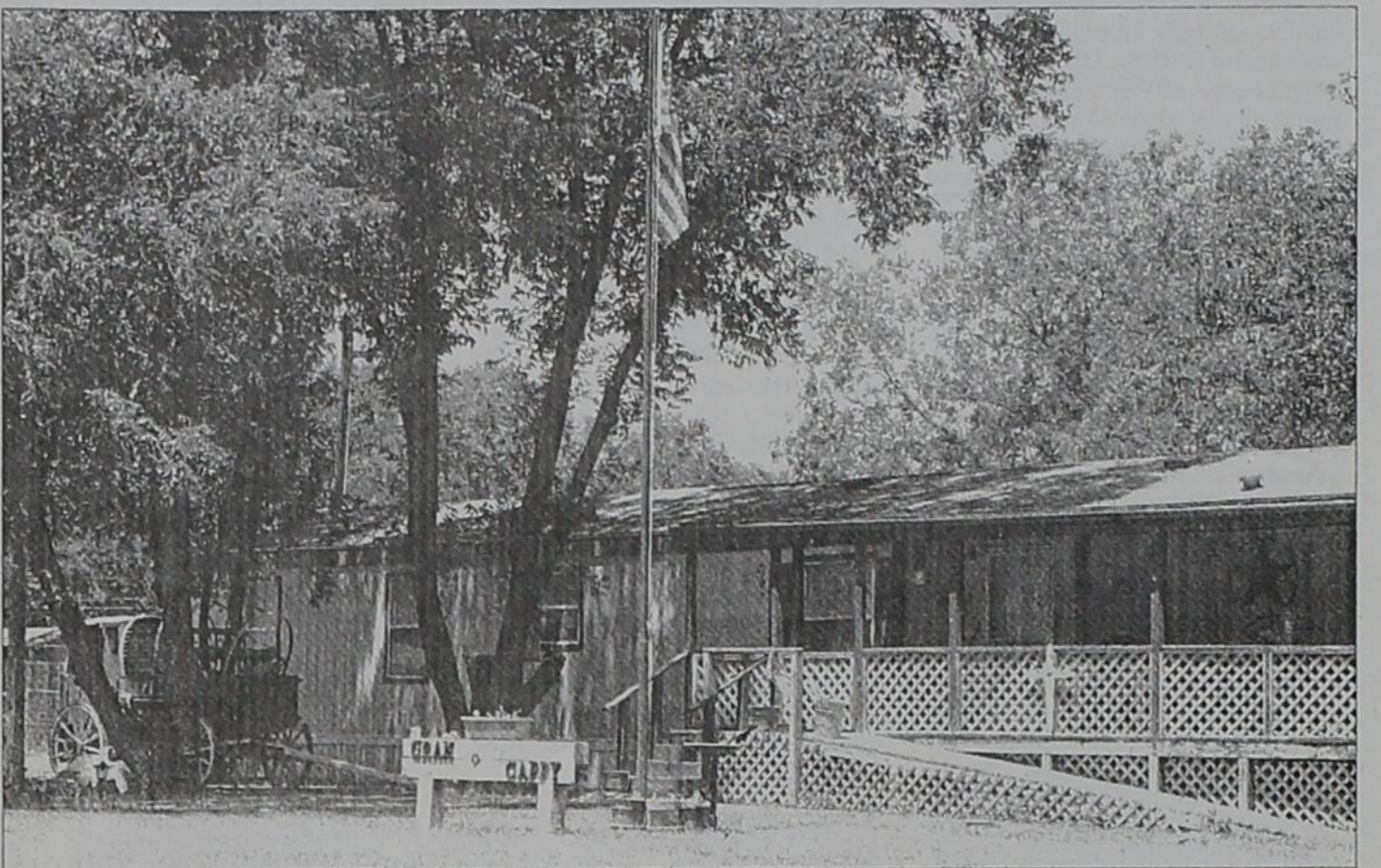
The fourth and fifth grade division follows the same guidelines, but they tee off from 200 yards and play 5 holes of golf.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and boys and High School girls tee off around 10:30, walking 9 holes. The girls tee off from the women's tee boxes and the boys tee off from the men's. And last, but not least, ninth through twelfth grade boys tee off at 10:30 to play 18 holes from the men's tee boxes.

These young golfers are serious about the game it is proof when you see a hundred plus

children each week in 100 plus degree temperatures, show up at the area courses to play.

All these golfers know how much practice and dedication it takes to compete. Motley County children have been working hard and continue to work hard. So far this season, Motley County has had five to ten kids placing in each of the tournaments. Those not placing are following close behind. The dedication from Motley County golfers has not gone unnoticed. The golfers are learning golf rules and proper golf etiquette and along with their skills are impressing neighboring towns with our golf program. It's great to see so many children working hard and making a name for Motley County.



YARD OF THE MONTH — Mr. and Mrs. Don Stuckey received the distinguished honor of being named "Yard of the Month" for June in Roaring Springs.

Childress County Old Settlers accepting entries for Rodeo Royalty

Entries are being accepted for the 2006 Old Settlers' Rodeo Queen and Princess contest. Contestants age 13 and under will compete for the title of Princess while Queen candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 23. Contestants must live within a 100 mile radius, never married, and been a student this past semester.

Candidates will compete in the categories of horsemanship, personality, appearance, and ticket sales. Judging will be Tuesday, July 18th with the titles awarded at the Saturday night performance.

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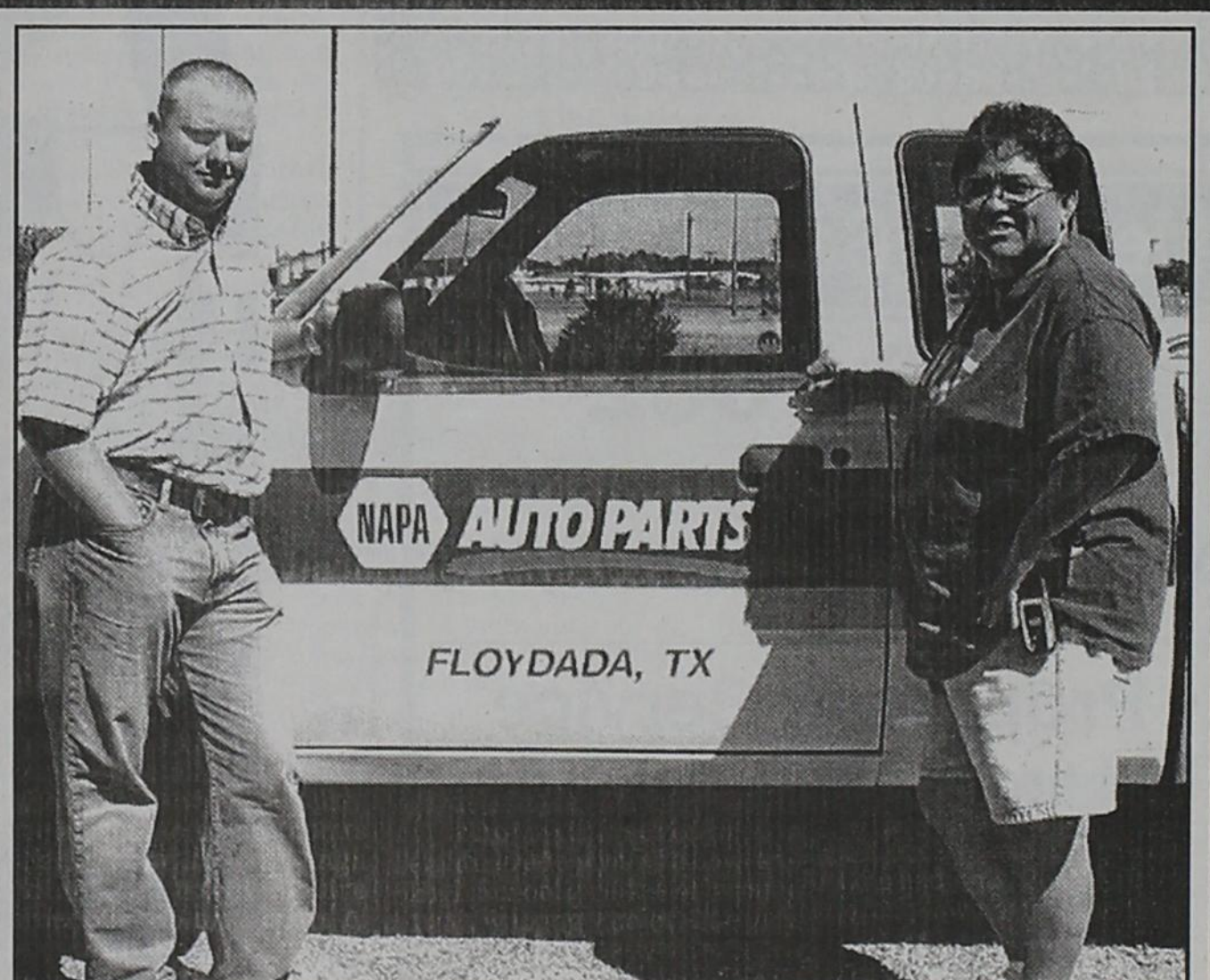
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It's time to get down to the serious side of summer! Father's Day is over and then it seems the really hot part of the summer gets down to business. This year it has already been hot enough to be late July or August. This is getting serious, this lack of rain.

We owe a lot to the local firemen who are willing to go out the fires caused by the lightning in these practically dry thunderstorms we have been having. I heard of some who worked thirty-six hours in a stretch and one that had a heat stroke trying to protect us from fire. I thank God for them.

Zella Palmer attended her Goolsby Family Reunion this past weekend in Guthrie, OK. It was held at the home of Cecil and Eva Lee Snow. There were 56 family members present. A good time was had by all. Her brother E.M. was able to attend briefly.

At the June meeting of the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers plans were made for the Fourth of July Celebration. A new feature this year is a hilarious hat contest. Put on your thinking caps and get an original creation made so you can enter this contest. It sounds like fun. Fireworks have been purchased! There will be a brisket supper again and an ice-cream supper. I need to go and buy a new ice cream freezer, mine has made too many gallons and I suppose is worn out. My last few ice cream endeavors didn't freeze except on the sides of the can.

If it weren't too late to teach an 'old dog new tricks,' I think I would enter Wixie our little Dachshund in the Fourth's gifted and talented dog contest! She usually rides in the pa-

rade and that is her only participation except to bark at all the extra traffic in town.

Little ones need to prepare to ride their stick horses in the annual steeple chase. I know that some will need to start breaking and training a new horse as soon as possible.

Devonne Dillard and Don enjoyed a day of shopping at Plainview on Monday.

Joyce Meredith flew to Las Vegas, NV to visit her son and family, Cody and Leah Meredith. Their children, Angelica and Jonah Meredith accompanied Joyce home for their annual summer visit. They were in time to attend the Meredith family reunion on June 11th.

Anna Daniell is visiting her grandparents, Glennard and Edith Daniell.

Jeanie Adams will begin chemo-therapy tomorrow. Please pray for her.

Corky had the honor of having two Father's Day dinners. One was held on Saturday at the home of Pennie and Kelly Keltz. The highlight of the evening was watching eight of his nine great-grandchildren play together. The least one, Kagen Keltz was a bit young to join in the tricycle rides, sliding and climbing. Sunday evening we went to my son, Kevin McClaran's for another feast and to see the other grandchildren. My least one, Kenzie Renee McClaran, who is three, kept us entertained there. The older ones went off on their own to play games.

Kelsea Miller visited with her grandparents, Corky and Monta Marshall last week.

Don't forget to pray for rain daily!

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I admit I tend to make the doctor's office the last resort. I am thankful each day for feeling as well as I do, especially when I see the suffering of so many of my good friends and neighbors.

SHEILA GILBERT WILL ATTEND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Sheila Gilbert traveled to Chicago, IL to receive training for local incoming Rotary presidents as well as spending time at the headquarters of Rotary International. Ms. Gilbert was a part of a larger group from North Alabama District 6860. Each year the district sends incoming presidents for training and informational sessions before they begin their term of office. Sheila belongs to the Anniston, Alabama Noon Rotary which consists of 125 members. Her term of office will begin July 2006 after having spent the prior week in Denmark at the International Convention. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 167 countries.

Sheila is the daughter of Leona Degan and the late Joe Degan of Flomot. She and her husband Dr. Jerry Gilbert live in Jacksonville, Alabama.

ATTEND GRADUATION IN VIRGINIA

Donnie Rogers and mother, Mrs. B. Rogers flew from Lubbock Airport Friday, June 16 to Williamsburg, Virginia to attend the high school graduation at Lafayette High School of daughter and granddaughter, Natalie Rogers. It was held Saturday morning at the William and Mary University. Natalie was awarded a scholarship and will attend Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Making the airplane trip with the Rogers family to attend Natalie's graduation was friend, Coy McKay of Lubbock.

SON SENT TO IRAQI

Judy and Lynn Stark visited in Abilene Monday and Tuesday with son, Captain Wes Stark and wife Erin. Wes who is with the U.S. Air Force left for Iraq, Thursday. He called home Sunday and said it was 130 degrees temperature in Iraq.

When Judy and Lynn returned home Tuesday, they were in shock when they saw there had been a fire due North of their house, the former John Barton home. The fire came within 30 yards of their house and had burned 200 acres. It showed maintainers had helped control the fire that saved their home and were

thankful for good response of Fire Departments including Matador.

Sherrilyn and Dan Foster, Gwen, Tim and Peyton Mandrell of Lubbock visited Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert, Sunday.

Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Sunday.

At 3 O'clock Sunday morning, Mrs. Erma Washington shot a wild hog that was disturbing their sleep at their rural home located six miles southwest of Flomot.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee Sunday were Mrs. Teresa Lee, Kacee and Thomas Heck of Turkey, Kellan Roberts of Waco, Brandon Lee of Plainview, Roger and Shonda Lee and Joshua Lee of Flomot.

Visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Hudson and Madison, Cary Franks of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Turkey.

Luncheon guests of Kathy and Clois Shorter, Sunday were Dwain, Christy, Haley and Emily of Petersburg, Kevin, Keri and Brian Sehon of Ropesville, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Judy and Lynn Stark of Flomot.

Wilburn Martin visited Sunday in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper and attended church with them. Other guests were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Cooper, and Gavin and Mason of Borger.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry and children were Ken Pool of Dougherty, Jackie and Terry Sperry of Quitaque, Brianna and Scarlett Sperry of Lubbock.

Mrs. Lori Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton visited from Sunday until Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. Mr. and Mrs. Clay visited in Panhandle Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah. They enjoyed a basketball tournament in which Tanner and Kelsey competed.

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Mrs. Barbara Luster of Cisco returned home Sunday after visiting the past week with her parents, Billie Ray and Fay Slover. Arriving Monday to visit this week with them is granddaughter, Mrs. Stan (Lisha) Audy of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. "Skeet" Jameson visited during the weekend in Vernon with son, Lance Jameson. They also visited Vickie Fennell and father, Don Fennell. They celebrated Lance's birthday and Father's Day.

We thank Vic Read for mowing the Whiteflat Historical Marker Site and cutting off dead tree limbs.

Lending a helping hand to make a dream come true

by Marisue Powell

Jeanie Adams has a dream. It's a small dream as dreams go. Just a small cottage, one of her own, across the street from the house she rents. Here on the south side of Roaring Springs the pecan trees create a special refuge, shade where the squirrels race from limb to limb, shade where the wild turkeys come to eat bugs and nuts, and shade where the grandkids play.

In the cool shadows of early morning, a deer might stroll by and see its reflection in the unfinished house that Jeanie dreams about.

Since Jeanie lost her husband, she and her family have hired work on the little cottage, but the money hasn't gone far enough on a retired school teacher's pension. Standing between Jeanie and the dream is a medical problem for the lady always ready with a smile and a song. Jeanie, you see, plays the organ at the First Methodist Church of Matador and then

crosses over denominational lines and plays the piano for the First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs.

Now some of those folks blessed by Jeanie's musical talent and sweet nature are getting together to help her achieve her dream and help pay back in a small way for her contributions to our communities. You might call it a mission outreach for these sponsoring churches, the Methodist and Baptist, but I call it "friends helping a friend" and suggest that anyone who wants to help is welcomed.

The goal is to finish the interior wall covering, add kitchen cabinets, lay floor covering, build a porch with handicap access, and do some landscaping and sewer work. Needs include labor, paint, and donations. Remember, this is a cottage and work should go fast. If you desire to participate in this project, please contact Charley Johnson or Rodney Williams for more information.



FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP — Colton Russell (center) is the winner of the 2006 Motley County Farm Bureau Scholarship. He will attend Clarendon College this fall. His chosen major is Ranch and Feedlot Operations. Seab Washington (right) is the President of the Motley County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Amanda McMillan (left) is the Farm Bureau County Secretary.

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FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, CED

To obtain a marketing assistance loan such as a "cotton loan" or a loan deficiency payment (pop payment), producers must have beneficial interest in the commodity at the time of the request.

Beneficial interest means that the producer has control of the commodity, makes all the decisions regarding the commodity, and has the risk associated with the commodity. The producer must also have title to the commodity and not received any payment for the commodity. Also, to be eligible for loans of LDP's, the person applying must be the one that produced the crop and had ownership since the time of planting.

New for the 2006 Crop year: Producers who deliver a commodity to an approved warehouse, and it is placed in an open storage for 15 days or more, will lose beneficial interest unless an approved warehouse receipt can be provided to the producer.

Producers that deliver to a non-approved warehouse, or a warehouse where the commodity is commingled with that of

another producer, are ineligible for loans and LDP's.

A person that purchases a commodity is not considered to have beneficial interest regardless of whether the purchase was made before or after harvest. Exception: if before harvest the commodity and land were sold, the person with the title to the land and crop may be considered to have beneficial interest.

If a producer dies, FSA considers the estate or heirs to have beneficial interest in any commodity that the deceased producer grows.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

We are accepting nominations for the 2006 county committee election for LAA 2, currently held by Bill Luckett. Anyone eligible to vote in an FSA election may nominate, you don't have to be from LAA 2.

If we do not get the minimum number of nominations required by the secretary of agriculture, the agency can appoint the nominees. Please exercise your privilege to nominate and vote.

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

STRANGE EFFECTS OF THE PRE-FLOOD WORLD (and a treatment for Rattlesnake Bites)

We've postulated a pre-flood environment of increased atmospheric pressure, oxygen content, and electromagnetic field. Here's some of the strangest stuff imaginable.

Remember the iron hammer that won't rust, which was recovered from a formation thought to predate man. It could only be made in such an environment, not in today's.

And remember that God created and declared everything "good." How many of us have wondered how God could declare rattlesnakes and other poisonous snakes and insects "good"? Well, experiments have been conducted attempting to duplicate such a pre-flood environment and produced some weird results. Tomato plants grow to the size of trees and wounds heal quicker, but perhaps the strangest of all, is that poisonous snake, spider, and insect venom tends to become non-toxic! It just may be that these critters were "good" in the pre-flood world. And this may provide a clue as to why an unapproved controversial treatment for poisonous snake and insect bites may work - the application of high voltage, low amperage, DC, electric current to the bite size, from such devices as a Stun Gun or spark plug wire from a running engine! (Hyperbaric chambers are also being used). Here, a disclaimer: This is not medical advice. Proceed at your own risk, but if I get bitten by a rattle-

snake, I'm going to do it. Besides, there will be no harm done (except getting shocked). We have a modified Stun Gun (stepped down to around 30 thousand volts, which seems to be sufficient, while police stun guns and auto spark plug wires are around 85-120 thousand volts) and we have used it on fire ant and scorpion bites with success. Warning: DO NOT try AC household electricity. It is AC, not DC, and too many amps, which could kill you!

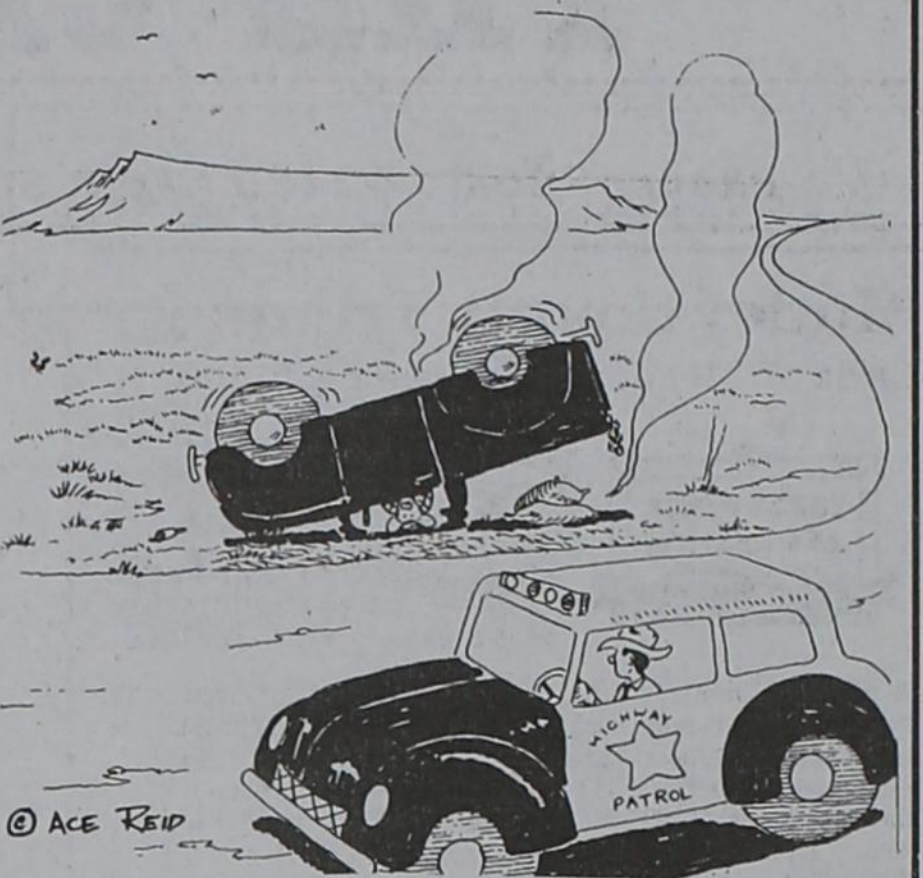
This treatment was discovered purely by accident a couple of decades ago, and anecdotal evidence indicates it works across the board on all venomous bites. A doctor in Cleburne is reported to have had great success in treating Brown Recluse Spider bites, even long after the bite. The FDA won't approve the procedure, because nobody knows how or why it works - whether the charge, applied for only a few seconds, changes the venom's ionic structure, or alters the body's immune system, both or neither. In the meantime, Veterinarians are using them on all sorts of animals. The modified guns can typically be found at gun shows.

Is this related to God's "good" creation, which was then cursed, and later substantially altered in the Flood events?

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By Ace Reid

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Tours will begin at 7:00 p.m. each Friday evening and will take about 4 hours to complete. Reservations are required due to limited space in the Park van. Please call 806-455-1140 for reservations. Reservations may also be made in the Park Headquarters office until 12:00 noon on the day of the tour. Fees are \$10.00 per adult, \$7.50 for seniors (65 and over), and \$5.00 for children (12 and under). For more information, please call 806-455-1140 or 806-455-1492.

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Baking heat leaves Texas landscape burning

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An extended weather pattern of hot days relieved by only isolated showers has left grasses and other vegetation much drier than normal. The result: without significant widespread, long-duration rains, Texas firefighters foresee a growing threat of wildfires.

Conditions now are similar to those that occurred in summer 1998, during which Texas experienced one of the worst years on record for wildfires, according to Tom Spencer, wildfire risk assessment coordinator with Texas Forest Service.

"The similarities between weather and vegetation conditions in 1998 and now are very alarming, from a wildfire standpoint," said Spencer. "Texans could be facing a bad summer fire siege if increased winds should accompany hot, dry weather. Strong, gusty winds contributed greatly to the major wildfires experienced earlier this year."

What the whole state needs is slow, steady rainfall spread over many hours so most of the rain will soak into the ground and not run off, Spencer added. Many areas of the state, particularly in far West Texas, haven't received enough rain to stimulate full spring green-up, and even where green-up has occurred, grasses are wilting and turning brown in the heat.

Regional fire coordinators have also reported that wildfires activity has picked up across the state.

"Local fire departments ev-

erywhere are making more frequent runs on wildfires, and our own fire crews have battled many wildfires, including several recent fires more than 100 acres in size," said Bill Rose, Texas Forest Service chief regional forester for resource protection in East Texas.

He noted that accidental fires due to escaped debris burning continue to be the primary cause of wildfires, particularly in the eastern half of the state. Sparks-producing equipment, hot vehicle exhaust systems and careless disposal of smoking materials also cause many wildfires. In addition, Texas Forest Service fire inves-

tigators attribute several recent fires, including a 253-acre wildfire in northern Walker County, to the work of arsonists.

Firefighters across the state could also face a seasonal wildfire risk if dry conditions continue.

"Irresponsible fireworks use the Fourth of July holiday period could spark additional fires, if dry conditions prevail and vegetative fuels, particularly grasses, continue to dry out," said Rose. "We don't want to put a damper on holiday celebrations, but we do urge folks to use common sense and celebrate safely during the upcoming holiday period."

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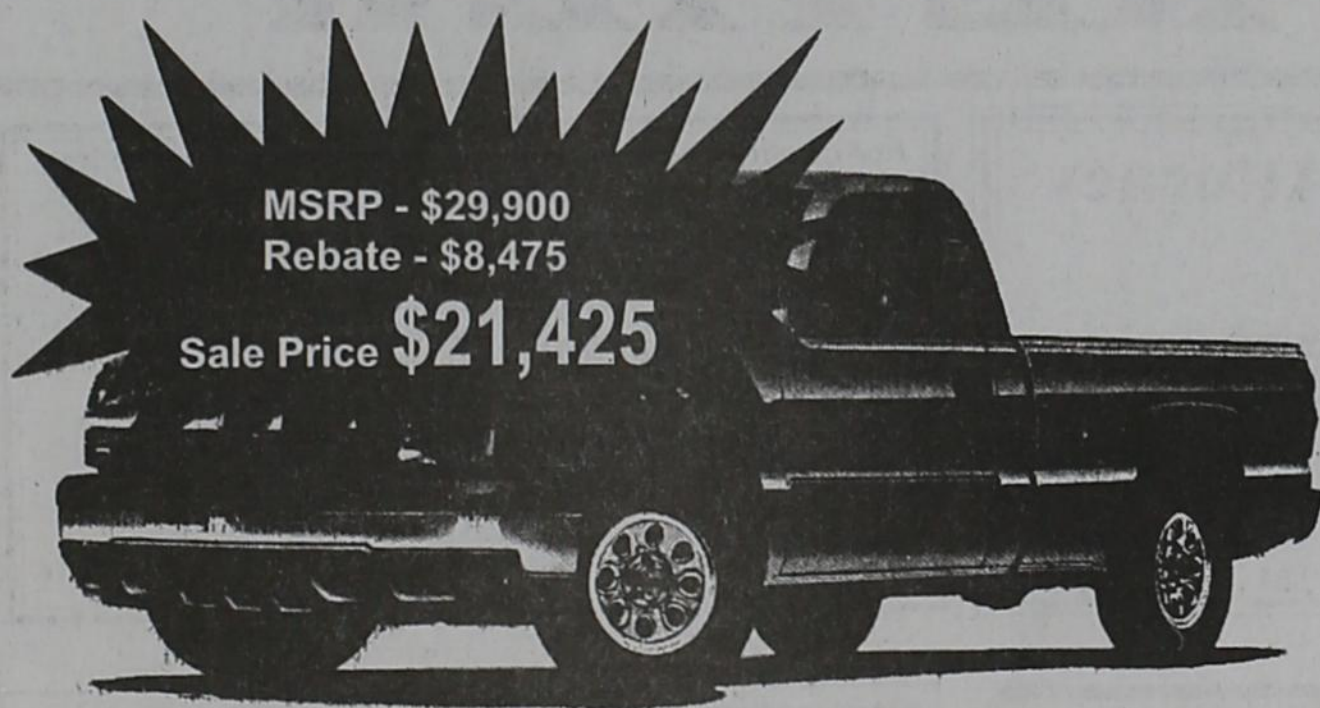
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	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 97 Low: 72			6/25	7/3	7/10	7/17
	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 98 Low: 67	Last Week's Local Almanac					
	Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 96 Low: 68						
	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 95 Low: 64						
	Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 92 Low: 65						
	Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 94 Low: 71						

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